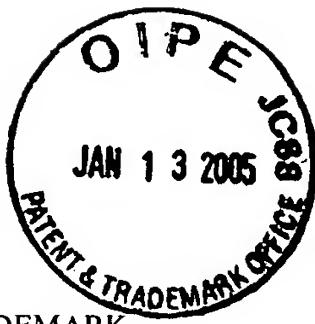


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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Final Office Action (8 pgs.) in the above-captioned application.

[XX] Small entity status of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27 has been established.

[ ] It is believed that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

[XX] Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 [fees: 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) - (d)] for the total number of month(s) checked below:

<u>Extension Months(s)</u>	<u>Fee For Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee For Small Entity</u>
[ ] 1 Month	\$120.00	\$ 60.00
[XX] 2 Months	\$450.00	\$225.00
[ ] 3 Months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
[ ] 4 Months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
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[ ] A Terminal Disclaimer Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) and (c) is enclosed.

[ ] An Assignment ( pgs.) is enclosed.

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[ ] An Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 ( pgs.) is enclosed.

[ ] Form PTO-1449.

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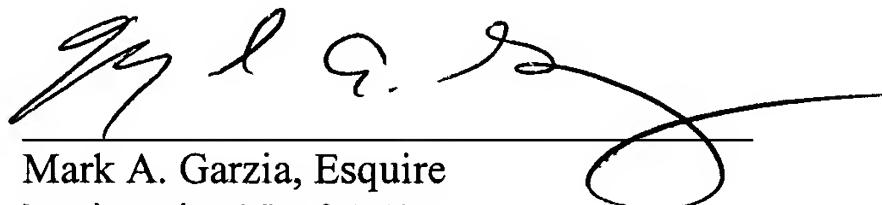
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